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As we read vs 21 my mind can't help but go back to the Sunday School songs that Sis Huckleberry & Sis Caroline

taught me: "This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine... Hide it under a bushel No! I'm gonna let it shine..." The parables that Jesus used are able to teach even the cunning heart of a child the riches of Bible truth. Remember that a parable means to cast along side, or

Comparison. We have learned recently that a parable has one main thought one flash of truth to be heard & under-

stood. These parables were spoken not written down to be studied over and studied in depth. Yet when we do study the parable, we do find other truth still. Just like last week with the sower, seed & soils. So we will encounter a lot of truth tonight but what are we going to do with this truth? Can it be harvest w/ you? Oft times I feel as though my messages are received as circle entertainment and not meals to be digested.

I. There is a Primary interpretation vs 21-22

So what is the lightning flash? Don't confuse this with Mat 5:15 where our works are to be a light. Not to be "hidden" 604 times in

N.T. Overwhelming # of times translated come...

A. A Rejected Light Jesus himself said in Jn 8:12. He is the Light of the world. The light of men, and yet he was a rejected Light. The hard hearted Jewish religious leaders would not recognize Christ for who He was. They rejected Him. They tried to cover that light to squelch vs dd 'molding hidden' what was hidden the identity of Christ! God was revealing truth and they were preferring darkness. They were not heeding the truth sent down ^{Blindness...}

B. A Returning Lord - vs dd - But one day there will be a revealing. Nothing hid. There will be a day of revealing where every eye will recognize the truth! (4) Rev 1:7. This period of hiding that we live in now is only the prelude to the day of great revelation. (5) Our Lord is now rejected... Jesus is coming in judgment to be revealed in the Last Day. Take heed! If you are covering and squelching the Light! Take heed! vs dd 3 of any man... vs dd 5

11. There is a Principal for Application - following the parable Jesus gives a Principal for us to apply concerning truth. Remember Parables reveal truth to

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- 2) ...translated "come." Candles don't come in to a room. They are inanimate objects. But what light has come into the world...the Lord Jesus...
- 3) John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

- 4) Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

- 5) 'Our Lord is now rejected,
And by the world disowned,
By the many still neglected,
And by the few enthroned;
But soon He'll come in glory!
The hour is drawing nigh,
The crowning day is coming
By-and-by'

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- 1) 'Obedience is the organ of spiritual knowledge. Do you want to know more about the Bible? Obey what you know, God will give you more.
- 2) ...greatest progression in my life have been those in which a fresh surrender to obedience has played out in my life.

3) Hebrews 5:11-13 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

the softened heart and obscure.

A. A Precept for Progression - 1554

Take heed what ye hear. Listen to
Perceive what you are hearing. Don't
- listening and hearing, the same thing
No! You know this if you have kids. It
is amazing what I have learned to tune
out. How much are you listening to
the word of God when you are reading
it or hearing it preached. Because if you
are then progression is promised. Check
ce and progression are tied together! William
Meddard said. ① The two of greatest progression

B. A Reason for Regression 1555

- This is that truth concerning parable
truth that we have seen before. Seed
given on hard ground taken away by
the fowls. The one that does not
take heed will have ⁴²⁶ what little he has
taken away! Removed. They will regret
as this the way of it in your life?
You have only gone so far and it is as
though you have hit a brick wall and even
gone backwards. This truth is so real in
my life right now. Regression by disobedience

III. There is a Precept for Consideration
if you will remember the Parable of the
sails we said in the Parable Jesus is some-
thing that can also apply this role to the

Disciples encountering the same soils. Same here in

A. Truth to be Displayed - Jesus truly is the Light of the world but as possessors of His divine light we become light bearers. Philip 2:15-16. Christ did not come to develop a secret society. No this light of God came not to be placed under a bushel or a hed but to be Displayed before the whole house the whole world! No doubt this light will be hidden from some. But Gods intention is that the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ be seen by all!

B. Truth to be Relayed - "Light will be hidden from those outside the Kingdom of God But the light of Christ could not be hidden by those inside the Kingdom of God. We are the vessels the lamps that are to relay this light to the world. The early Church did not hide the light! 1 Jn 1:8 Acts 4:20 Acts 20:25 There are enemies of the light! Fear of man Prov 29:25, business ^{Bushel} (hed). This light is seen by all & with in its presentation these are burnt up.

IV. Closing - Hide it under a bushel
Yes! A Christian cover up when it comes to talking heed to much that we are presented with in the word of God!

- 1) Philippians 2:15-16 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom *ye shine as lights in the world*; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

- 2) 1 John 1:1-3 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- 3) Acts 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.
- 4) Acts 20:26-27 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
- 5) Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.